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of at least 20, the mean (\overline{DP}) being taken over a processing period of the source chicory roots of at least 60 days.

88. (Amended) In a process according to claim 82, the improvement wherein the source inulin has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}) of at least 14, and the high performance grade chicory inulin, respectively improved high performance grade chicory inulin, is obtained in a yield of at least 45% based on the source material, and has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}), of at least 20, the mean (\overline{DP}) being taken over a processing period of the source chicory roots of at least 60 days.

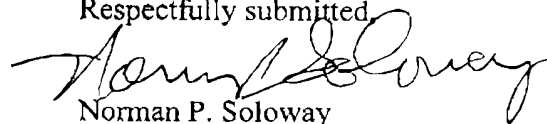
REMARKS

Claims 86, 87 and 88 have been amended to correct an obvious clerical error. No new matter has been entered.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121 a marked copy of the amended claims showing the changes made therein accompanies this Amendment.

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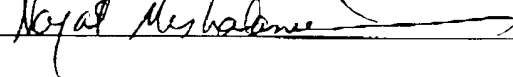
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MARKED AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

86. (Amended) In a process according to claim 80, the improvement wherein the source inulin has a [(DP)] (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}) of at least 14, and the high performance grade chicory inulin, respectively improved high performance grade chicory inulin, is obtained in a yield of at least 45% based on the source material, and has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}), of at least 20, the mean (\overline{DP}) being taken over a processing period of the source chicory roots of at least 60 days.

87. (Amended) In a process according to claim 81, the improvement wherein the source inulin has a [(DP)] (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}) of at least 14, and the high performance grade chicory inulin, respectively improved high performance grade chicory inulin, is obtained in a yield of at least 45% based on the source material, and has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}), of at least 20, the mean (\overline{DP}) being taken over a processing period of the source chicory roots of at least 60 days.

88. (Amended) In a process according to claim 82, the improvement wherein the source inulin has a [(DP)] (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}) of at least 14, and the high performance grade chicory inulin, respectively improved high performance grade chicory inulin, is obtained in a yield of at least 45% based on the source material, and has a (\overline{DP}), respectively a mean (\overline{DP}), of at least 20, the mean (\overline{DP}) being taken over a processing period of the source chicory roots of at least 60 days.